## ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

MENTS DUE AUG. 20 - Dairy farmers and other interested persons have until August 20 to comment on the milk price support level for the 1979-80 marketing year which begins Oct. 1.

They are also invited to comment on the price and terms of butter, cheese and nonfat dry milk purchases by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

Milk prices are supported between 75 and 90 percent of parity. This price will be adjusted in the middle of the marketing year to reflect any changes in the index of prices paid by farmers, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates during the previous six months.

Other milk support program decisions to be made include the yields of cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk per hundredweight of milk, the manufacturing margins used in calculating the purchases of cheese, butter, and nonfat dry milk, the allocation of any change in the support price for milk affecting the purchase prices set for butter and nonfat dry milk, whether to change the purchase price differential between fortified and nonfortified nonfat dry milk, and the level of sales prices of CCC-owned dairy products.

Written comments shold ber mailed to the director, procurement and sales division, U. S. Dept. of Apriculture,, ASCS, Rooom 5741, P.O.Box. 2415, Washington, D. C. 20013

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO NEWS- **Downstalk Tobacco** - According to last year's records, upstalk grades averaged $1.41 per pound whereas primings averaged only $1.03 per pound. As I have mentioned many times before, the Flue-Cured CO-OP already has a two year supply of downstalk tobacco. Unless these stocks are reduced, losses could occur which would jeopardize the program.

I urge all flue-cured tobacco producers to help themselves and the tobacco program by leaving low quality P and N grades off the warehouse flolor this year. **Redisignation periods** - The redisignation periods for flue-cured tobacco warehouses have been established and are as follows: **Redisignation Periods:** July 30 - Aug. 3; Sept. 3-Sept. 7; Oct. 1 - Oct. 5; Oct. 29 - Nov. 2. **Effective Date For Price Support**; Aug. 13; Sept 17; Oct. 15; Nov. 12.

**Marketing Cards** - Area markets are scheduled to open Aug. 7. Marketing cards will be available just prior to this date. Marketing cards will be issued to the farm operator or someone authorized to pick up the card. Growers will be required to certify to the non-use of DDT, TDE, Endrin, and toxaphene and that a discount variety of tobacco was not planted. Eligibility for price support depends on both certifications.

DAIRY PROGRAM COM-

### TAke Care of Your Pet

July and August's 90 degree weather bring the threat of heat prostration to dogs left in poorly ventilated areas such as cars. Since dogs don't sweat, a vicious cycle of heat production occurs due to the tremendous amount of heat generated by the dog's cooling system (panting.) Even when a small opening is left in a window, the hot air rises and effectively seals off fresh air exchange. When body temperature rises above 106 degrees brain damage can occur. If an animal has collapsed from heat prostration hose him down with cold water and rush him to a veterinarian. This problem can be prevented by never leaving a dog in a car on hot days.

SP/4 William D. Ferguson, III

### Re-Enlists in Service

SP/4 William D. Ferguson, III left recently for Korea after spending a 30-day furlough at his home here.

He will serve a one year term of duty in Korea as a Computer Programmer. He previously served a year in Korea as a Stock Clerk and has served three years with the U. S. Army. He has re-enlisted for three more years.

SP/4 Ferguson is a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ferguson, Jr. of Route 4, Appomattox.

### Homecoming Planned Centenary Methodist Church

Homecoming and Note Burning Services will be held Sunday, July 29th, at Centenary United Methodist Church in Madisonville.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and the morning Worship Service will be at 11 a.m. with Distrlct Superintendent Dr. William Thomas bringing the message.

A covered dish dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

A program of music presented by the youth of the church, "The Wildwood Quartet" and the "Sound of the Spirit" will begin at 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend these services.

### Homecoming Planned At New Life Baptist Church Sunday

The New Life Baptist Church will be having its first Homecoming Day this Sunday, July 29th, 1979.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds immediately following the morning worship service.

Following the dinner, there will be a song service at 2:00 p.m. featuring the "Gospeletten" of Lynchburg, Central Baptist Church of Lynchburg and many more.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. R. B. Baber is pastor of the church.

### Mrs. Kathy Meadows Is Associated With Strout Realty

Strout Realty of Appomattox, Virginia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Kathy Meadows as saleswoman.

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### County Farm Bureau Sponsored Poster Contest

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee sponsored the Farm Family Life Poster Contest at its annual picnic Saturday, July 21. The contest was open to children in Farm Bureau families 10 years of age and younger.

Winners were: First Place ($10.00) - Ruth Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curl Glover; Second Place ($5.00) - Wendy McClenny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClenny; and Third Place ($3.00) - Kimberly Krantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz.

The first place winner, Ruth Glover, will compete in the District Contest later this year.

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### The Question That Poses The Greatest Threat to America: 'What's In It For Me?'

**(Following are excerpts from the commencement address to Virginia Wesleyan College given May 12 by J. Harvie Wilkinson III, Editor, The Norfolk Virginian Pilot.)**

Americans today are posing themselves one conspicuous question: "What's in it for me?" This question in turn poses the gravest threat to America.

More than Soviet missiles or OPEC price hikes, a consummate national selfishness is becoming our great enemy. The trendy thing to do now is grab ours and run.

Surely it wasn't always that way. Do you think George Washington asked, "What's in it for me?" when he signed on with the Revolution? Did Robert E. Lee join the Confederacy with that in mind? The great Americans may not have forgotten self-interest, but they were able, in dire moments, to place it in perespective.

The college generation before yours thought the greatest American challenge was the war in Vietnam. But the challenge facing us now is at once less publicized and more ominous.

First, I should give some examples of the what's-in-it-for-me attitude.Just two months into President Carter's term of office, larfge pay increases were allotted the White House staff. The president's nine top assistants voted themselves a pay increase from $44,600 to $56,000. The rationale was that they could use the extra money. Doubtless so. But why should a taxpayer making $15,000 provide extra money for someone making $45,000. Surely the rewards of high White House service and the need for exemplary White House conduct counseled greater restraint.

This past year has uncovered some sad tales of corporate misconduict. Johns-Manville, a leading asbestos company was warned by its own medical director that some employees were contracting serious diseases from prolonged exposure to asbestos. The company decided not to inform its employees. It feared they might leave. The bottom line was to profit the company, even at ther risk of disease and death to those who worked for it.

Even the least aware citizen perceives the growing rash of public employee strikes. He remembers the police strike that crippled Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the teacher strike that shut down the Seattle school system much of last fall. The New Orleans policemen and the Seattle teachers, like the White House staffers, could have used the extra money. But what about the public that goes unprotected and the pupils that go untaught?

"What's in it for me?" That question feeds upon itgself. It expands geometrically Because as we sense others asking that question, the temptation becomes irrestible to begin asking it ourselves. We become obsessed with the notion that someone else will get a better deal. We fear that we alone are being asked to forbear and to sacrifice. Pretty soon broad social suspicion takes hold.

There is fortunately a reservoir of patriotism and decency in our people. There are fortunately many selfless captains of industry and chieftains of labor and public servants left. But I sense they are becoming fewer and that public debate becomes more narrow and mean-spirited. A sense of the whole, a sense of national thrust and mission is being lost.

"What's in it for me?" underlies our state of policy paralysis today. The question in not unknown to our nation's capital. Citizens sense Washington is leeched with special interests. They know that general law is often strangled by special exceptions. They believe that inflation guidelines bend for the powerful. They suspect that much federal spending serves first to ensure the re-elections of those spending it. They sense that bureaucrats protect not the public weal so much as their own turf. They understand that some of the biggest bills in Washington this year – such as the proposed federal Department of Education – represent not the public interest but the desire of the national education lobby for a cuddlier place in the federal sun.

As people spy selfishness in high places, they come topracitice selfishness in their own private lives. Personal sacrifice – in saving energy or in foregoing inflationary wage settlements becomes that something that someone else must do.

Now special interest competition will always exist; much of it is natural and healthy. But no government can survive without balance between particular and general goals, just as a great corporation must balance its search for private profit with its sense of public obligation. It's tough for Congress, with 535 members, to supply much sense of general will. That ultimately in the president's job.

Indeed, it is the essence of ail executive leadership. Can the president of the United States, the governor of Virginia, the mayor of Norfolk, the chairman of IBM, GE, or NBC, the head of UAW, the president of Harvard, the ABA or AMA - the collective executive leadership of this nation -- manage to convince our people that institutions serve their benefit, that authority advances their good, that power exists to serve ordinary men? Because only when people believe authority is on their side and guards their welfare will they reciprocate with their respect. Only then do they stop asking, "What's in it for me?"

The need for authority to embody the general good is our most urgent task. Indeed without that perception, there is scant hope for national headway on energy and inflation. President Carter has the decency for this task; he hasd het intellect for it; he has the desire for it too. But so far he has not displayed the forcefulness for it, the vision for it or inspired confidence that the national interest will hang tough and prevail. Whsat we require is a figure of Roosevelian charm and impact, without the New Deal's naive and consuming faith in gc ernment's beneficence. Sadly, such leadership is rare.

Leaders are not ultimate deliverance from dilemmas; citizens are. The noble private life is one lit by the torch of the public interest. But time and workload are great barriers to public works. How many of you will find the time for some civic enterprise? How many will work tor United Way or the Heart Hund or the Azalea Festival or Virginia Wasleyan or the Norfolk Symphony or our public schools? How many of you on top of job and family will pause to think of your communituy?

The other great barrier to public spiritedness is money. Profit, I hasten to add has fueled much magnificant achievement. But it also can warp the best of our ideals. The auto dealer who sells unneeded repairs; the physician who recommends unneeded tests and operations; the manufacturer who questions only the profitability not the safety of his product; the lawyer who recommends a futile appeal have all succumbed to the question, "What's in it for me?" Ultimately this behavior erodes public faith in our great system of free enterprise and spawns public demands for government regulation together with all its inefficiency, imperiousness and expanse.

Will you play your part in restoring to this land a sense of common destiny, a need for common sacrifice? Or will you seek to grab what's yours before the roof caves in? Time ticks on the American experiment; liberty is a perishable good. Go forth and achieve; go forth and prosper; go forth and enjoy.

But go forth also to your collective party. If all you ask is, "What's in it for me?" if your life becomes that single-minded, a great republic slowly dies.


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### May Fuels Tax Totals Up From April; But Down From a Year Ago

RICHMOND - Automotive fuels tax collections for May were $23,772,432, up 3.9 percent over April figures, but down 3.3 percent from May 1978, according to Vern L. Hill, commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Taxes were collected on 263,932,751 gallons of automotive fuels for May, an increase of 9.9 million gallons over April, but a decreased 9.4 million gallons compared to May 1978. Hill stressed that fuels tax collections figures for May do not reflect consumption of gasoline during that month since the taxes are paid to the Commonwealth at the wholesaler level. He also indicated that the fact that collections were up slightly from April to May while gasoline allocations to the state were down could be accounted for by a time lag, and wholesalers' inventories.

Collections for the first five months of 1979 totaled $112, 332,680, an increase of 1.1 percent over the same period a year ago. However, total number of gallons of motor fuel on which taxes were paid decreased by 1/10 of one percent. Hill said the fact that gallonage was down slightly while collections were up slightly reflected the collection of penalties and interest owed the state.

Total fuels tax collections for May, including aviation fuels, amounted to $23,891,263 Hill said. The funds are deposited in the Commonwealth's Highway Maintenance and Construction Fund.

### Vera Church of God To Have Donut Sale

On Saturday, July 28th, some of the members and friends of the Vera Church of God will be set up at the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center selling boxes of "Mister Donut" donuts. Ice cold drinks will also be available.

All proceeds from this sale will go for the church's building fund.

All the people in Appomattox are invited to come by and purchase a dozen of these delicious donuts. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until one hundred dozen donuts are sold.


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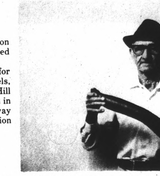

Billy Martin, of Appomattox, holds one of the "prize-winning" cucumbers picked from his vines last week. Mr. Martin, retired from the State Highway Department, has about one-half acre planted in garden. A first class gardener with "prize-winning" produce!

### Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Meeting

Members of the Wreck Island Extension Homemaker's Club held their annual covered dish luncheon meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at "Eldon" the historic home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tyler. "Eldon" was the birthplace of Henry (Hal) D. Flood who was for many years a member of the United States Congress.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dixie Staten, club president.

Mrs. Walton announced the meeting dates of interest to members.

July 24th 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. **Chair Weaving Workshop.**

September 29th Achievement Day.

Mrs. Walton also urged members to exhibit at the Five County Fair, Farmville, Virginia in September.

Mrs. Ruth Carson, Federation Goal Chairman, gave a reading "The Rose" to the 28 members and guests present at the meeting.

Mrs. Ella Anderson returned thanks for the luncheon meal.

Members and guests gathered around the large dining room table and also the porch tables to enjoy a most delightful meal.

For the August meeting members and their families will meet on Friday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. at "Maudes Restaurant" for their annual "Family Night" meal.

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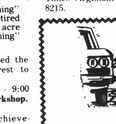

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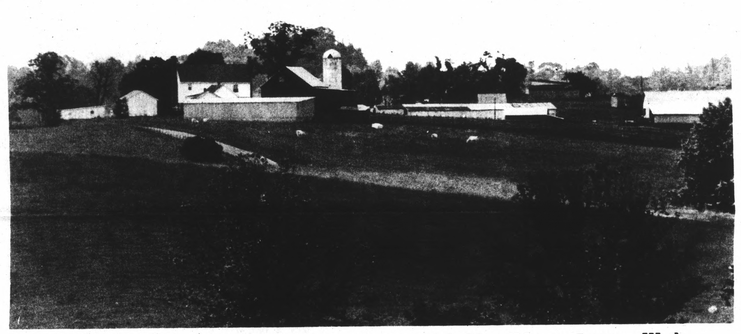

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